

Thesis Proposal Approval Form

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A. Curriculum: _____

B. Date of Graduation: _____

C. Degree: _____

D. Tentative Thesis Title: _____

E. Thesis Advisor: _____

F. Co-Advisor/Second Reader: _____

G. Anticipated Funding Requirements (if any): _____

Funding Provided by: _____

H. Classification: _____

Please answer items 'I' through 'N' on separate sheets.
Descriptions of these items follow.

Approved/Disapproved Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Approved/Disapproved Co-Advisor/2nd Reader: _____ Date: _____

Approved/Disapproved Academic Assoc.: _____ Date: _____

Noted/Date: _____ Program Officer: _____

Approved/Disapproved Dept. Chair: _____ Date: _____

I. Research Questions

Identify the primary research question and subsidiary research questions. The primary research questions should be broad enough that it covers the entire spectrum of the research activity. Subsidiary research questions subdivide the primary research question into manageable research segments. This should be a very explicit statement of the questions the research will seek to answer. While the questions may be redefined later as the research progresses, the initial objective should be made very specific.

J. Discussion of Topic

Describe the main thrust of the study, what areas will be specifically investigated and what areas will be excluded; put boundaries around the study; identify what the study will be (e.g., a computer simulation, an experiment, an electronic design and implementation, a system study); discuss any limitations of the study.

K. Tentative Chapter Outline

Identify tentative chapter headings and provide brief discussion of chapter content. (Note: This can change)

L. Benefit of Study

State of the contribution expected from your research efforts, what individuals/ organizations will use the results of your thesis and what problems/issues you feel will be addressed/resolved.

M. Preliminary Bibliography

Provide a listing of representative materials consulted during preliminary literature search. This should include references to the problem or issue to be studied, prior thesis work, literature references, or other sources of information. The final bibliography will probably be much more extensive.

N. Milestones

This is a tentative list of target dates for completion of the successive stages of the project. You will not be held strictly to this schedule; it is a means of conveying to others when you expect to complete major milestones of the study. Give the dates during which of the following activities will be accomplished:

1. Literature Review
2. Construct Research Approach
3. Conduct Research/Travel
4. Analyze Data
5. Draft Thesis
6. Final Thesis Submission/Signature